2/23/71

Dear Cyril,

Relet 2/19, as the enclosed shows, I was a bit ahead in seeking a copy of the book for you. I have been making such suggestions as they occurred to me. The contract gives me but 8 copies, free, that is, which will take care of neither my wife's family nor my own. However, I am to be able to buy them at a doscount, something like $6.00 rather than the regular $10. Thisnis a large book.

I am especially anxious for you and Collom to read what they offered at the minitrial and of all of that, the testimony of the pathologist, Dr. Jerry Francisco Thomas. It makes Humes look like you! I have the entire autopsy and use a few charts in the book. That will be enough, when you compare it with what I use of his testimony, which I also have. I'd dearly love to be invited to address a professional group on this, flash on the screen Thomas' testimony and then follow it with his own autopsy and what he left out of his testimony!

I am going to Memphis this afternoon, I'm coming back Saturday night, and I will accept your invitation to phone you the following Wednesday.

Everyone is up tight about this book. The publisher has been unsuccessful, to this point, in arranging any serialization. The subject is still a taboo. Which does not encourage me to believe that even if it is a success it can yiled enough to even come close to getting me out of debt. When I get the "advance" next month, it will just cover this year's instalment on my debt and the annual interest. It will come at a time when the only regular income we have, my wife's, as a tax consultant, ends. The rest of the year we'll sweat, the only thing that may make it better than the other recent hard years being that the debt will not oppress me until 1972.

After you read the book (andCollom), if there are of the documents to which I refer that you want, let me know. I have all of them. I think you may want the entire autopsy file as presented to the British Court (and confiscated by out government, with lusty British helf!), perhaps the part of the Frazier affidavit that I use, etc.

Thabks for everything.

Best,